

Boxborough Conservation Commission Meeting

Minutes

Wednesday March 21, 2012

1. Members present: David Follett, Charlene Golden, Norm Hanover, David Koonce, Dennis Reip, Chairman, and Rick Williamson. Dennis called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.
2. Motion was made by Charlene, seconded by Dennis and unanimously voted to approve the minutes of March 7, 2012.
3. The Commission received a letter from Minute Man Air Field relative to the farming at the intersection of Stow Road and Tamarack Lane.
4. By email the Blanchard School inquired about the safety fence installation around the playground. A preliminary discussion took place in the fall and now they would like to begin. An RDA is required.
5. Mark Jones, Engineer, inquired by email about MBCR's work along the MBTA right of way in Boxborough (DEP file 113-491). David Follett will communicate to Mark the Commission's approval to remove the erosion material. They will be asked for reports on turtle activity and monitoring.
6. 8:00 PM DEP no: 113-503 Hearing continuation Type of filing: NOI continuation
Project Location: 34 Massachusetts Avenue, Assessor's Map 11, group 4, parcel 288.
Project Description: improve the existing gravel parking area and the storm water management system; adding landscaped islands to the parking area and a landscaped area with filter strip between the existing parking area and wetlands.

Applicant/Property Owner present: Julian D'Agostine, Olympus Realty Lead Reviewer: David Follett
Review: plans and cover memo submitted March 12, 2012.

Discussion: the applicant inquired about getting a partial CoC so that an occupancy permit can be issued this season. The hearing was closed at 8:07 PM. The Commission reviewed a draft OoC.

Motion was made by David Follett, seconded by Dennis and unanimously voted to approve the OoC.


7. The Commission discussed the status of a wetland violation at the intersection of Stow Road and Tamarack Lane. Manure has been piled in the wetland and ALRA. The Commission discussed the required action per the standard Enforcement Order process. During this discussion Don McPherson, property owner, offered to correct the violation by removing the material, thereby restoring the site to the pre-filling condition. The Commission is agreeable to this course of corrective action, provided that this be done within a reasonable time frame. If the area is not restored within 2 weeks (by 4/4/12), the Commission will issue a formal Enforcement Order.
8. 8:30 PM DEP no: 113-454BWB Hearing continuation Type of filing: Request to Amend an OoC
Property Location: The properties are located off Stow Road and identified as Assessor's Parcel Numbers: 5-2-189-1.0; 5-2-189-2.0; 5-2-189-3.0; 5-2-189-4.0; 5-2-189-5.0; 5-2-189-6.0; 5-2-189-7.0; 5-2-189-8.0; 5-2-189-11.0; 5-2-189-12.0; 5-2-189-13.0; 5-2-189-14.0; 5-2-189-15.0; 5-2-189-16.0; 9-2-189-0.A; 9-2-189-9.0; 9-2-189-10.0; 9-2-196-0.0 & 9-2-206-0.0.
Name of Applicant /owner present: Don McPherson, Minute Man Air Field
Address: 302 Boxborough Rd. Stow 01720 Lead Reviewer: David Follett
Project Description: A request to amend an Order of Conditions to remove conditions for work which is no longer planned in the Air Field's Vegetative Management Plan.


Discussion: the Commission discussed with the applicant the "Finds from the Public Hearing" and the applicant's comments. They also discussed a draft OoC.

Vernal pools 2 and 3 have been certified. Vernal pools 1 and 4 may not have been certified. The applicant believes the VP canopy and flora have changed but the VP will not sacrifice health with different plant community. The Commission expressed interest in an invasives management plan and a plan to manage the tree canopy and shrubs. Continuation date / time: April 4, 2012 at 8:30 PM.

9. Motion was made by Dennis, seconded by Charlene, and unanimously voted to adjourn at 10:11 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Norm Hanover.


Approved


Date